

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to Claims 8 and 9 as containing informalities. The Examiner rejected Claims 11 to 20 as depending from a dependent claim which depends upon itself. Such rejections and objections are noted. The Examiner noted that Claims 1 to 9 and 21 were allowable, and Claims 11 to 16 and 18 to 20 had allowable subject matter.

Claims 11 to 16 and 18 to 20 have been amended, Claims 8 and 9 have had their labels changed from "Withdrawn" to "Original," and Claim 17 has been cancelled, without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 to 9, 11 to 16, and 18 to 21 are allowable.

Objections to Claims

The Examiner objected to Claims 8 and 9 because the label of the claims show "Withdrawn" and not "Original." The listing of claims contained herein reflects that Claims 8 and 9 are "Original." Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

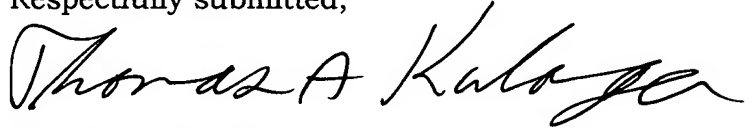
The Examiner rejected claims 11 to 20 because the claims depend from Claim 20, which depends from itself. The Examiner also noted that Claim 17 should be cancelled because it has been incorporated in new Claim 21. Claims 11 to 16 and 17 to 20 have been amended to depend from Claim 21. This amendment corrects the typographical error of referring to the incorrect claim when independent Claim 10 was cancelled in favor of new Claim 21. Additionally, Claim 17 has been deleted, without prejudice. Because the Examiner determined that these claims contain allowable subject matter and because Applicant has corrected the typographical errors through amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 11 to 16 and 18 to 20 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the amendment of Claims 11 to 16 and 17 to 20, the correction of the label of Claims 8 and 9, and the cancellation of Claim 17, without prejudice, it is believed that the above-identified patent application is in a condition for the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Such action by the Examiner is respectfully requested. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that any of the drawings or other portions of the application are still not allowable, it will be appreciated if the Examiner will telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of the application.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1910 (29265.00).

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